



FY 2010 NOAA BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Fisheries (National Marine Fisheries Service)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requests \$911.8M in FY 2010, reflecting a net increase of \$32.8M from the FY 2009 Omnibus. This budget request supports NOAA's efforts to conserve, protect, and manage living marine resources in a way that ensures their continuation as functioning components of marine ecosystems, affords economic opportunities, and enhances the quality of life for the American public. Program changes are relative to the FY2010 base which is the FY 2009 Omnibus level less terminated projects plus inflationary adjustments.

FY 2010 Program Change Highlights

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorized Act (MSRA) +\$56.5M: A total of \$98.3M is requested to support the new requirements of MSRA including provisions to end overfishing and rebuild stocks, gather necessary science to set optimum catch levels, promote catch share management approaches, improve recreational data collection, expand cooperative research programs, and strengthen enforcement of international fisheries.

Specifically, NMFS requests \$16.0M to provide resources to the six NMFS regions and regional councils to establish and monitor annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) to prevent and end overfishing as required by MSRA and which must be implemented in all fisheries by 2011. With a requested \$9.9M, NMFS will update scientific stock assessments in support of setting ACLs. NMFS will expand resource surveys over a larger geographic areas and habitats to monitor abundance of more fish stocks and refine mathematical and statistical models. Finally, NMFS requests \$7.6M to enhance enforcement capacity nationwide to gain and maintain compliance with additional management measures supporting MSRA.

Pacific Salmon Treaty +\$16.5M: These funds will support the U.S. commitments to conserve the shared Chinook salmon stocks between the U.S. and Canada. Funds will support salmon data collection, augmentation of Puget Sound stocks, and mitigation for catch reduction of the Alaska Fishery.

Environmental Consultations +\$5.6M: This increase will improve NMFS' capacity to deliver scientifically sound and legally defensible Endangered Species Act consultations and enhance conservation of listed species by other federal action agencies.



Marine Mammals +\$5.3M: With these funds NMFS will conduct conservation and recovery actions for Hawaiian Monk Seals, Cook Inlet Beluga Whales, ice seals, and convene a new Take Reduction Team to reduce harmful interactions between marine mammals and commercial fisheries activities.

Aquaculture \$2.0M: This funding will bolster existing NOAA research at NMFS labs in Washington and Massachusetts on commercial marine aquaculture and marine stock enhancement to support an increase of domestic marine aquaculture which will improve food security and create new domestic jobs while ensuring minimal environmental impact.

Climate Regimes and Ecosystem Productivity \$2.7M: This increase will support 20 additional research days at sea to adequately cover the expanded commercial fishing area in the Bering Sea and support research on the effects of ocean acidification on commercial and recreational marine fish stocks and other living marine resources.

NMFS FY 2010 Budget Request (\$ in Millions)				
	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Omnibus	FY 2010 Request	FY10 Request vs. FY09 Omnibus
ORF	\$708.3	\$754.0	\$890.6	\$136.6
PAC	\$2.0	\$4.6	\$0.0	(\$4.6)
Other	\$118.7	\$120.4	\$21.1	(\$99.3)
TOTAL	\$829.1	\$879.0	\$911.8	\$32.8

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